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Honorable Frank H. Murkowski
United States Senator
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Dear Senator Murkowski:

This is in reply to your letter of November 5, 1992, on behalf of your constituents, Messrs. Robert O. Baker, Sr. and Robert O. Baker, Jr. They are interested in a pending rule making proceeding, PR Docket No. 92-154, in which the Commission has proposed to amend the amateur service rules to include the responsibility for the preparation and administration of Novice Class operator license examinations under the volunteer-examiner coordinator (VEC) system.

The Bakers have previously filed timely comments with us concerning this matter. I assure you that their comments will be fully considered by the Commission, along with the other comments filed, prior to a final decision in the matter.

I trust this is responsive to your inquiry.

Sincerely,

Ralph A. Haller

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FRANK H. MURKOWSKI
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November 5, 1992

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Dear Ms. Solheim:

I would appreciate an inquiry into the situation described in the enclosed letter from my constituents, Messrs. Baker, and information on the status of the proposed rule change. Please ensure his comments and suggestions are taken under advisement.

Your response and any further correspondence in this regard should be sent to my Anchorage office.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,


Frank H. Murkowski
United States Senator

Enclosure

cc: Robert G. Baker, Sr.
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Dear Frank,

Hope you/your staff can take
a look at this problem. It
is important to Bush Alaska
& Ham Radio here.

Thank you!

Bob NL7UH

October 3, 1992

Office of the Secretary
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Dear Commission Members:

SUBJECT: PR Docket No. 92-154; Proposed Novice Class Examination
Rule Change

The proposed Novice Class examination rule change specified in PR Docket No. 92-154 is endorsed for population centers in Alaska such as Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau but is not considered practical, just, or in our national best interests for the remote communities of this state. It is, therefore, requested that the Commission recognize the special circumstances existing in Alaska and amend PR Docket No. 92-154 accordingly.

The proposal has been extensively discussed with the head of the VEC program in Anchorage, Roger Hansen (KL7HFQ) and other senior members of the Anchorage Amateur Radio Club (AARC) including the President, Fred Wegner (KL7HFM), and two license training instructors, Rick Marvin (KL7YF) and Lil Marvin (NL7DL) who are also AARC board members. My son, Robert O. Baker, Jr., NL7UQ, has asked me to include his concurrence with this letter as his responsibilities as a Ph.D. in molecular cell biology at the University of Arizona preclude an individual response in the time remaining. He too is a long time Alaskan resident.

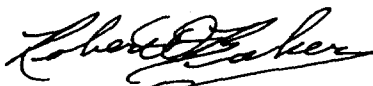
The VEC program administered by KL7HFQ is a professional, 'by the book', and efficient operation for which Mr. Hansen is to most highly commended. It was under his program that I received my Novice, Technician, and General Class licenses. He is without contest the foremost authority on FCC examining conditions in Alaska and I echo his comments to the Commission as a 16 year Alaskan resident with somewhat extensive travel throughout this huge state. My 60 odd years have clearly demonstrated that conditions in Alaska are unlike those anywhere else in the United States having lived in ten states and visited the other 40 during a 22 year military career.

Response time precludes appending a copy of Mr. Hansen's comments to this letter. Accordingly, it is requested that the Commission append a copy of his recent letter on this topic to our letter.

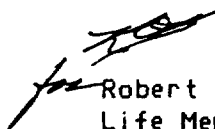
Please note that amateur radio is not only a wonderful hobby in Alaska but an essential element of life here. The Emergency Coordinator for the Municipality of Anchorage spoke to the AARC last evening noting that information on the ash fallout from the volcanic eruption of Mt. Spurr last month was available on a timely basis only from amateur radio operators located in the more remote areas of Southcentral Alaska. We are in a "Condition RED" as this letter is written in anticipation of another eruption of Mt. Spurr within the next 24-48 hours. This is only one of many scenarios in which the amateur radio operators of Alaskan bush communities provided a vital service in public health and safety.

Thank you for taking time to consider these comments. Please give serious consideration to the special needs of and for Alaska's amateur radio program by amending PR Docket No. 92-154 as suggested by Roger Hansen, KL7HFQ.

Sincerely,



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